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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for marketing, comprising:

defining a match between a user classification and an incentive;

receiving <u>from a set-top box</u> user data associated with a user<u>'s cable television</u> <u>viewing selections</u> <u>terminal from a plurality of sources</u>;

receiving the user's credit card purchase records;

classifying the user in a user classification when the user's cable television viewing selections relate to the user's credit card purchase records; and

transmitting the incentive to the user if a match is defined between the user classification and the incentive.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the user data user's cable television viewing selections comprises user viewing selections a channel viewed by the user, a program shown on the channel, and the amount of time the channel is watched.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising collecting the user data.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the user data is associated with a user user's cable television viewing selections comprises how much of an advertisement the user views.
- 5. (Cancel)
- 6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 1, wherein said step of detecting a relationship classifying the user further comprises: relating the credit card purchase records detecting a relationship between the sales data and the user's cable television viewing selections if the user views advertisements for a product and purchases the product.

- 7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of classifying the user further comprises classifying the user in the user classification if the user data satisfies a predefined parameter, the parameter defining cable television viewing habits for the user classification.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the user data comprises whether the a product associated with the incentive was purchased.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user data comprises global computer network viewing data.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user data comprises survey data.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the user data comprises sales data a price paid for a product and a time the product was purchased.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the incentive comprises an image embedded into <u>cable television</u> media content.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the incentive comprises a coupon.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the incentive comprises a banner.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A system for delivering targeted incentives to a user, comprising: a server in communication with a user terminal set-top box;

user data stored on the server, wherein said user data is collected from a plurality of sources comprising the user's cable television viewing selections from the set-top box and the user's credit card purchase records; and

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a classification module in communication with the server configured for defining a match between a user classification and an incentive, and classifying a the user in a the user classification based on said user data when the user's cable television viewing selections relate to the user's credit card purchase records.

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- 18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein said classification module is further configured for detecting a relationship between relating the sales data user's credit card purchase records and the user's cable television viewing selections if the user views advertisements for a product and purchases the product.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein said classification module is further configured for classifying the user in the user classification if the user data satisfies a predefined parameter, the parameter defining cable television viewing habits for the user classification.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the user data comprises whether <u>a</u> the product associated with the incentive was purchased.
- 21. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user data comprises global computer network viewing data.
- 22. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user data comprises survey data.
- 23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the user data comprises sales data a price paid for a product and a time the product was purchased.

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- 24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the incentive comprises an image embedded into <u>cable television</u> media content.
- 25. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the incentive comprises a video program.
- 26. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the incentive comprises a banner.
- 27. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the incentive comprises a coupon.